



# IRVINGTON

## Village News

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*Summer 2003*

### Dear Neighbors:

At a momentous special meeting of the Village Board of Trustees on June 26, your Village Board, adopted the 2003 Comprehensive (Master) Plan which was developed over the past two and a half years with help from our Land Use Committee and with a lot of input from our residents at a series of public hearings. We then proceeded to adopt nine (9) new Village laws that will implement the recommendations of the Master Plan. They include: an amended "cluster ordinance" which enables the Planning Board to consider requiring developers to cluster together residential units in order to preserve open space, redistricting of the Village's overall zoning scheme to maximize opportunity for the preservation of open space, a water bodies and watercourses law to regulate potentially problematic drainage into brooks and streams as well as to require their protection by private property owners, a wetlands ordinance to protect natural wetlands areas from the impacts of inappropriate development in order to preserve their critical role in the ecological balance, a so called floor area ratio (FAR) law intended to keep building construction harmonious with building lot size and neighborhood character (preventing so-called McMansions), a law that increases the buffer zones (restricts or limits development) along Broadway and the Croton Aqueduct, a view preservation law that regulates building so as not to allow any obstruction of existing views of the Hudson River, and an enhanced stonewalls ordinance to protect and preserve the many magnificent stonewalls in the Village. There remain a few more local laws to be adopted to implement the Comprehensive Plan and they, as the ones I have enumerated, will further our efforts to guide the future growth of our community and protect and preserve the character of Irvington we have come to cherish. This effort was a monumental undertaking and one of the most important things we have done in our Village in many years, and my thanks go to the many people who helped develop the plan, refine it and, in various ways, participated in its accomplishment.

At our busy June 26 meeting, the Board of Trustees also addressed the so-called JORAM Agreement whereby the School District has made annual payments to the Village to offset the cost of providing non-resident Irvington School District community members with access to Village recreation facilities and programs at resident rates. Given the dramatic increase in the number of non-resident members of the Irvington School District in recent years, along with the increased costs of the Village's Recreation programs, JORAM had become impractical. With the concurrence of the Irvington School District, the Village Board terminated the JORAM Agreement. The Village will now establish a rate structure to cover the Village's cost of providing Parks and Recreation services to non-resident School District community members based on surcharges added to the resident rates schedule.

Have a great summer. I look forward to being in touch with you again in our fall newsletter as well as in my monthly columns in the Irvington Viewpoint.

*Dennis P. Flood, Mayor*



Mayor Flood congratulates Mike Cerone on his promotion to Police Lieutenant

### GRANTS UPDATE

The Village continues to apply for funding from various public and private sources. Since most grants include a local match requirement, the Village only applies for funding for projects or equipment that are consistent with the goals and objectives established by the Mayor and Board of Trustees. Recently awarded grants include:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Fire Dept. Communication Equipment	Federal	\$37,665.
Fire Dept. Communication Equipment	Spano/Brodsky	\$20,000.
Kayak Ramp and Parking Improvements at Scenic Hudson Park	Hudson Valley Greenway	\$15,000.
Kayak Ramp at Scenic Hudson Park	NYS Department of Environmental Conservation	\$7,500.
Westwood Land Acquisition	Westchester County	\$3,000,000.
Records Management	NYS Education Dept	\$10,000

The Village has been awarded nearly \$3,700,000 in outside funding during the past eighteen months.



The Department of Public Works is expanding our Recycling Program. We are now composting all of the garden debris, yard waste, grass clippings, small branches etc. that we pick up along with the large brush piles and leaves. In order for the DPW to expand this program efficiently and successfully we ask that all residents follow the rules and regulations regarding this material. They are posted on the reverse side of the Sanitation Schedule that is mailed to each residence in December of each year. If you did not receive one or it is misplaced, you may obtain one by calling the DPW at 591-6044 or by sending an e-mail to [gnilsson@village.irvington.ny.us](mailto:gnilsson@village.irvington.ny.us)

The DPW asks that the above-mentioned material be placed curbside in biodegradable paper bags or in small piles that are easy to handle. The biodegradable paper bags are available at most hardware stores and home centers. Please do not put out this type of material in plastic bags as they are not recyclable and will not be picked up.

The DPW is limiting this type of pick-up to 2 days a week. On Mondays we will pick the North side of the Village and Tuesdays the South side with Main Street as the dividing line. As this new program is in its infancy, please be patient. If we miss your pick-up please call 591-6044 and leave a message with your address and we will pick it up as soon as possible.

The DPW also collects appliances curbside. We ask that these be put out on Thursdays with all doors removed. Please call 591-6044, leave a message with your address prior to Thursday to allow us time to schedule your pick-up.

We have received numerous phone calls on how to dispose of paint. The paint cans should be opened and filled with kitty litter. Allow sufficient time for the kitty litter to soak up the paint and dry, leave the lid off and deposit curbside.

Recycling Reminder: Glass; metal and plastic bottles and cans (commingled) must not be placed in paper or plastic bags. Commingled recycling must be placed in a recycling bin or a suitable container. Newspapers etc. may be tied or placed in paper bags or in a recycling bin. Paper and metal may not be mixed. Recycling that is put out in plastic bags will not be picked up.

The Village of Irvington provides recycling bins free of charge to residents. If you are in need of a recycling bin or have any questions concerning the recycling program please call 591-6044.

The Village of Irvington Department of Public Works is very proud of our Recycling Program. Of the 43 municipalities reporting solid waste collection to Westchester County for the year 2002, Irvington was # 5 on the list reporting 68% of our solid waste collected as recycled. With public awareness and cooperation we can look forward to increasing that percentage in the future.

## Summer Projects At Scenic Hudson Park



Additional Parking



Basketball Court



Kayak Ramp



## Irvington Town Hall Theater



The Irvington Town Hall Theater may be closed, during the summer months, but I think you will be very surprised at our 2003/04 Season line-up of events being planned for your enjoyment. Things are still being finalized for our calendar of events that will be mailed out to all our patrons in September. If you wish to be on our direct mailing list and are not currently receiving our schedule, please call 591-6602 or e-mail: [boxoffice@Irvingtontheater.com](mailto:boxoffice@Irvingtontheater.com) with your name, address and category of interest: music, theater, children or any combination of the above.

I will give you a brief preview of the very special events that are in the works. In the next few weeks our web site [www.IrvingtonTheater.com](http://www.IrvingtonTheater.com) will be updated with our exciting new season. Music has returned to the Irvington Town Hall Theater in a very big way. Mainstage Entertainment is presenting **An Evening with Livingston Taylor**, on October 17<sup>th</sup>, **Susan Werner and Patty Larkin**, on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> and **Richie Havens**, on March 6<sup>th</sup>. More about these hot artists can be found at [www.Mainstageentertainment.net](http://www.Mainstageentertainment.net). Do I really need to say that these tickets are going to fly out the door like hotcakes? Actually there are more of these special potential bookings, that I am not yet at liberty to release to you, until they are confirmed. In addition, the **Westchester Jazz Orchestra** will be bringing us great jazz concerts on October 18<sup>th</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup> to round out our musical offerings.

ITHT, Inc is planning the Rodgers & Hammerstein musical, **Carousel**, in November. This is their 11<sup>th</sup> musical, directed by Michael Penta. Come and find out why of all the shows Rodgers & Hammerstein created, this was their own favorite.

This season the most exciting thing happening at the Irvington Town Hall Theater will be the new fixed house seating, that will be in the period style of our Classic Revival treasure. Designers are presently working on a seating plan that will improve the sight lines and increase your seating comfort dramatically. The actual installation of these seats will be some time this year.

Please plan on attending some of these very special events and our other wonderful community events in the 2003/4 season. We look forward to seeing you often.



## ALARM SYSTEMS MUST BE REGISTERED

All alarm systems installed, on or in structures, must be registered with the Police Department. Applications for alarm permits may be obtained from the Police Department and there is no registration fee. Penalties will be imposed when the Police or Fire Department responds to an alarm generated by a non-registered system. Penalties are as follows: first offense: \$150, second offense: \$250, Third and all subsequent offenses: \$500 each.

## At The Library

The Library's Summer Reading Program has begun. If you haven't already signed up, please come to the library and do so. Remember all children are welcome, even those who do not read by themselves. There is a book raffle each week and a final party in September.

There will be a Story Time at Matthiessen Park on Mondays at 10:30 am through Aug 25<sup>th</sup>. Pajama Stories will be in the library on Thursdays in July at 7:15 pm for ages 2 1/2 and up.

There will be a special performance of *Stuart Little* by The Fort Hill Players on Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm.

For those who enjoy crafts, we have a "Drop In" Craft Table on Tuesdays in July from 4:00-6:00 pm. All ages are welcome but we ask that anyone under 5 comes with an adult. We also have "Just So Stories & Crafts" on Wednesdays in July starting on the 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm for ages 5 - 7.

Please call the library at 591-7840 to register for each program.

### FOR ADULTS:

David Schwartz, Chief Curator of Film at the American Museum of the Moving Image, is presenting a series of films at the library.

"Duck Soup", a Marx Brothers movie, will be shown at 7 pm on July 8<sup>th</sup>. "The Bank Dick" starring W.C.Fields will be on July 29<sup>th</sup>, also at 7 pm.

There will be an Internet Class "An Introduction to Proquest and Newsbank" at 5:30 pm on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Librarian Betsy Sadewhite will show you how to navigate through these magazine and newspaper databases that are available at the library and at home over the Internet. Please call and register as space is limited.

Come and see our newest exhibit, Hothouse Flowers: 12 Art Quilts by Jerry Riggs. This exhibit will run from July 23 through September 12 in our Program Room.

The Irvington Library is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and on Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am to 9 pm.



Irvington Fire Department hosted a  
Multi-Agency/Training Session  
at Bridge Street Properties on June 28<sup>th</sup>

**Congratulations...  
On Your Anniversary of Service**

**Police Department**

Peter Carelli	15 Years
Edmund Vize	15 Years
Michael Morano	10 Years
Mia Norton	10 Years

**Department Of Public Works**

Michael Colantuono	30 Years
David Colucci	15 Years
Kenneth Mastropietro	5 Years

**Water Department**

Donald Casadone	35 Years
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**Building Department**

Florence Costello	15 Years
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**CONCERTS IN MATTHIESSEN PARK**



*All Shows Are 6:30 -to- 8:30 p.m.*

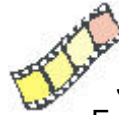
Thursday, July 17th - *The Saints*  
A mix of rock and R&B favorites

Thursday, July 24th - *The Peter Spink Band*  
Acoustic folk rock



Saturday, August 2nd - *The Blues Roadhouse Orchestra*  
All Star classic rock & blues

**NOTE:** On inclement days, call after 4:30 p.m. for performance information



**MOVIES IN MATTHIESSEN PARK**

*Showtime Approximately 8:40 p.m.*

Friday, July 11th	- <i>Hey Arnold</i>
Friday, July 19th	- <i>Scooby Doo.</i>
Friday, July 25th	- <i>Jungle Book 2</i>
Friday, August 1st	- <i>Spy Kids 2</i>

**NOTE:** Showtime is approximately 8:45 p.m.



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